NEWSPAPERS IN THE UNITED STATES

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

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Sending out \$0.000,000.000 copies a year, the American newspapers and periodicals are exerting an influence such as has never before been known in the world. All of the Constitution of the Constitution and the beginning of the Cons

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the "organ" of one of the great parties, fighting for its own saints and its own scoundrels without let or hindrance. Lastly comes the great American newspaper of to-day, printing the news, and with it something for every member of the family. It takes a lively interest in politics at times, but instead of being field to any particular party's apron strings, is more often entifrely independent as to men and measures.

The development of the American newspaper is best shown in the evolution of the handling of news. When William Henry Harrison, minth President of the United States, died a month after he had taken the oath of office. In 1811, and was succeeded by John Tyler, one of the greatest newspapers in the country told all it thought worth while about the death of the President in a quarter of a column. It didn't mention the fact-that Mr. Tyler would succeed him, evidently assuming that everybody ought to know who was Vice President. A few weeks later the editorial columns blazed with ever a word.

When Lincoln was assassinated the leading New York newspapers next want of the control of the leading New York newspapers next was a little man. New England college, was a little man. The bone-digging about the day were over and supper the more came. The bone-digging labors of the day were over and supper day the widow took chairs on the vidow took chairs on the professor when he did st up and take notice of the other sex. Even then he could not have recalled half and hour later what

tion caused a veritable sensation. In that same year, when the Oregon boundary question was the burning issue and trouble with England was expected, the cry of "Fifty-four-forty, or fight!" caused a combination of papers to charter a swift pilot boat to get the latest news from England.

In that go of a chair. You ought to be ashamed of yourself to talk as you do. I always thought there was a mean and jealous streak in you, and now it's come out." "Oh, it has, eh?" muttered Hiram. "Perhaps if I went around looking for the bones of an old whale, I'd be all right."

When Lincoln was killed more than three weeks elapsed before the comment of the European press appeared in American newspapers. When Garfield was shot the press associations furnished two columns next morning of what the monarchs and newspapers of the Old World had to say in deploring the tragedy. The oceanic cable was a success as early as 1866, but it was in the Franco-Prussian war of 1876 that it was first used for newspapers to any considerable extent. At first the cable rate was \$100 for twenty words, and it took a rich newspaper to pay the tariff.

Practically all of the papers in the years just before the civil war had the same "make-up." Congressional or Washington news came first, then the European news—if a vessel had arrived—and after that whatever little local news that could the same captured the hired man.

"Well." grunted the hired man.

"Well." the cachalot feeds on fishes and cephalopodous mollusks. You probably thought he fed upon turnips. The whate

whatever little local news that could measure up to the standard of the day. There was always some poetry, a chapter of a novel, and advertisements galore.

Charles A. Dana, of the New York Sun, more than any other one map was responsible for the revolution in the manner of handling the news. He broke away from the conventional notion that Washington events were always most important, and made each bit of news stand on its own merit as to interest. This movetant, and made each bit of news stand on lts own merit as to interest. This movement did away with the old style of reporting the deliberations of Congress verbatim and in sequence, as is now done only in the Congressional Record. This way of printing the news from Congress was responsible for the fact that when President Andrew Johnson was impeached the subscriber of the New York Tribune was forced to read through four columns. The professor had told the widow all at the back and side, and ending in long the subscriber of the New York Tribune was forced to read through four columns.

Iman to dig for bones he was hunting bugs and bees and butterflies. To his great joy he discovered a seven-spot bumble-bee is of dark color with yellow spots on his bee. As all of us know, the bumblebee is of dark color with yellow spots on his back. There are often from five to six spots, and only rarely a seven-spotter. This bee, along with a dozen others, was placed in a pasteboard box, and when the house was reached the box was deposited on a window sill of the veranda. The professor had told the widow all at the back and side, and ending in long becomingly disposed.

process from which comes the half-tone has done much to change the character and appearance of newspapers. Illustration by wood cuts was slow and expensive. The zinc etching was a failure nine times out of ten, and the chalk-plate an abomination. The half-tone is so quick and accurate that it is the fdeal illustra

THE PROFESSOR'S WAY

"I guess it would be better than grunt

army officers, Spanish grandees, and the "experts" who were analyzing the situa-

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INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

National Federation for People's Rule Headed by a Lawyer-The Plan of Programme He Is Carrying Out-Many States Adopting the Ideas in Modified Form.

phasizing the work of the organizations which form a part of the national federation. But to those who know Mr. Shibiey, his personality and his work are a very interesting study. He was born in Wisconsin in 1861; studied law in Chicago; was admitted to the bar in Illinois, and for a few years afterward was engaged in the business of publishing law books. In 1890 he retired from busilaw books. In 1890 he retired from business, and has since given his time and attention, as well as his private income, for the establishment of the initiati to the service of the public. To fit him- and referendum, which was worked o



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FORCE reference is the additional or other representative body to the voters for approval or rejection. It is compulsory when al

but emergency measures must be sub George H. Shibley's Political mitted; optional when submission may be demanded by a certain percentage ENTIRE COMPANY FROM THE MET-(usually 5 per cent) of the voters. The initiative provides that a certain percentage (usually 5 or 8 per cent) of the voters may propose measures which are after-ward submitted to a direct ballot of the

ward submitted to a direct ballot of the people a veto power only. The initiative gives them the full power of direct legislation. "The advisory initiative and advisory referendum is a modified form of this system. It is morally, but not legally, binding. It is made effective by piedging each candidate in advance of his election each candidate in advance of his election that he will obey the will of his constitu-gats when expressed by referendum vote. The public opinion law of Illinois, under which the Chicago traction ordinances

"The programme, or plan of campaign self for his chosen work, Mr. Shibley by Mr. Shibley in the month of Nove took special courses of study at the Uniber following the election of 1900, a which is still adhered to, is as follows:

"I. That the nonpartisan organizations, such referendum leagues, granges, and trades unfor should systematically question the nominees of the several parties as to whether, if elected, they work and vote for the termination of machine ruby the restoration of the direct-vote system for put lic questions.
"2. That the replies for a statement that the qu

I hat the replies for a statement mak the ques-tions have been ignored) should be published to the roters in each district; the aim being 'to per-vent an erasions of the overshadowing issue, the restoration of the people's rule.'

"3. That in national affairs, the direct-vote system be established by statute law—the advisory initiative and advisory referendum.

didates.

"5. That after the enactment of a law for the advisory initiative in national affairs, any desired amendments to the national Constitution and the needed national legislation may be instructed by direct rote of the people.

"To determine the practicability of the programme, he consulted with several United States Senators and other public men. The consensus of opinion was favorable. He then came to Washington, as before stated, and for the past six

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dale, who is just half his own age, and who has been blind since she was seven years old. The date of the wedding has not yet been fixed, but Gov. Garvin in announcing his engagement said that the eremony would be performed so

When Gov. Garvin first met Miss Tomlinson she was a small child. The exgovernor attended her as her physician He was in attendance at the Illness which deprived her of eyesight. The nature of the girl appealed to the chivalry of Dr. Garvin, himself a Southerner of the oldfashioned type, and through his efforts she was sent to the Perkins Institute for the Blind at Boston, where she took a full course, afterward studying music at the same institution.

the same institution.
Dr. Garvin took intense interest in the young woman, whose attainments were such as to make her a valuable friend, and since the death of Mrs. Garvin, half a dozen years ago, he has spent considerable time in her society, the close acquaintanceship culminating in the announcement of their engagement.
Miss Tomlinson is thirty-three years old and Dr. Garvin was born in 1841. He has three daughters—Edith, Ethel, and Florence Garvin—all of whom are close Florence Garvin-all of whom are close friends of Miss Tomlinson

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